

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, CATHEY, CONNICK, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, MORRIS, PEACOCK, REESE, SMITH, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BROWN, DUBUISSON, ECHOLS, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FREEMAN, FRIEMAN, HARRIS, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MAGEE, MCFARLAND, CHARLES OWEN, SEABAUGH, THOMAS, THOMPSON AND WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

WHEREAS, on March 17, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick and love for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, people throughout the state of Louisiana and around the world wear green and live for a day in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Saint Bridget, and Saint Colmille; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing support for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, there has always been a strong cultural connection between Ireland and Louisiana, especially in New Orleans where the first St. Patrick's Day celebration was held in 1806; also between 1832 and 1838, an important new shipping channel, the New Basin Canal in New Orleans, was built with a workforce consisting almost entirely of Irish immigrants which led to the building of several cohesive Irish communities in the city such as the Irish Channel Historic District and Irish Bayou; and

WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle, and lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes of joy and the life eternal; and

WHEREAS, with leadership in all 50 states, the American Irish State Legislators Caucus was established with the aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognize the cultural and historic links between Ireland and Louisiana and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the National Co-Chairs of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus: Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the Senate of Ireland, Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island, Speaker Robin Vos of Wisconsin, Assemblywoman Carol Murphy of New Jersey, Senator Shannon O'Brien of Montana, Representative Killian Timoney of Kentucky, Representative Fran Hurley of Illinois, and Representative James Gallagher of California.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES